AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended)   An information storage medium comprising:

a recording region for audio information and image information;

a first reproduction unit for reproducing said audio information; and

a second reproduction unit having fineness equal to or less than the first reproduction unit,

wherein said first reproduction unit is composed of one or more said second reproduction units,

management information concerning said second reproduction unit is recorded in said medium, [[and]]

a reproduction relationship between said audio information and said image information is described in said management information, and

said management information is configured to include one or more regions of user defined program chains for storing program chain information defined by a user, the program chains indicating a sequence of information items including the audio information.

2.   (Original)   The medium according to claim 1, wherein at least one item of said management information, in which the reproduction relationship between said audio information and said image information is described, includes information for

specifying image information to be displayed when said audio information is reproduced

in said first reproduction unit which includes said second reproduction unit.

3.   (Original)   The medium according to claim 1, further comprising an area

for storing identification information specific to said information storage medium.

4.   (Original)   The medium according claim 1, wherein, in a case where

information recorded in the information storage medium is encrypted, said medium

further comprises an area for storing information required for decrypting the encrypted

information.

5.   (Original)   The medium according to claim 1, further comprising an area

in which described is a process of performing mutual authentication between said

medium and an apparatus for recording information in the medium or reproducing

information from the medium.

6.   (Currently Amended)   An information storage medium comprising:

a recording region for audio information and image information;

a first reproduction unit for reproducing said audio information; and

a second reproduction unit having fineness equal to or less than the first

reproduction unit,

wherein said first reproduction unit is composed of one or more said second

reproduction units,

management information concerning said second reproduction unit is recorded in said medium,

a reproduction relationship between said audio information and said image information is described in said management information,

said audio information includes a predetermined header and digital audio information compressed according to a predetermined method,

said predetermined header is stored in an area not encrypted, [[and]]

said compressed digital audio information is stored in an encrypted area in a predetermined encrypting unit, and

said management information is configured to include one or more regions of user defined program chains for storing program chain information defined by a user, the program chains indicating a sequence of information items including the audio information.

7.   (Currently Amended)   An information storage medium comprising:

a recording region for audio information and text information;

a first reproduction unit for reproducing said audio information; and

a second reproduction unit having fineness equal to or less than the first reproduction unit,

wherein said first reproduction unit is composed of one or more said second reproduction units,

management information concerning said second reproduction unit is recorded in said medium, and

a reproduction relationship between said audio information and said text

information is described in said management information, and

said management information is configured to include one or more regions of

user defined program chains for storing program chain information defined by a user,

the program chains indicating a sequence of information items including the audio

information.

8.   (Original)   The medium according to claim 7, wherein at least one item

of said management information, in which the reproduction relationship between said

audio information and said text information is described, includes information for

specifying text information to be displayed when said audio information is reproduced in

said first reproduction unit which includes said second reproduction unit.

9.   (Currently Amended)   A method for reproducing audio information

with an image from an information storage medium which has a recording region for

audio information and image information; a first reproduction unit for reproducing said

audio information; and a second reproduction unit having fineness equal to or less than

the first reproduction unit, wherein said first reproduction unit is composed of one or

more said second reproduction units, management information concerning said second

reproduction unit is recorded in said medium, and a reproduction relationship between

said audio information and said image information is described in said management

information, said method comprising:

a step for determining, utilizing said management information, the image

information to be displayed when the audio information is reproduced in said first

reproduction unit,

wherein said management information is configured to include one or more

regions of user defined program chains for storing program chain information defined by

a user, the program chains indicating a sequence of information items including the

audio information.

10.   (Original)   The method according to claim 9, further comprising:

a step, utilizing information recorded in said management information concerning

said second reproduction unit to be reproduced first in said first reproduction unit, for

determining image information to be displayed when said audio information is

reproduced in said first reproduction unit.

11.   (Currently Amended)   A method for reproducing audio information

with text information from an information storage medium which has a recording region

for audio information and text information; a first reproduction unit for reproducing said

audio information; and a second reproduction unit having fineness equal to or less than

the first reproduction unit, wherein said first reproduction unit is composed of one or

more said second reproduction units, management information concerning said second

reproduction unit is recorded in said medium, and a reproduction relationship between

said audio information and said text information is described in said management

information, said method comprising:

a step for determining, utilizing said management information, the text

information to be displayed when the audio information is reproduced in said first

reproduction unit,

wherein said management information is configured to include one or more

regions of user defined program chains for storing program chain information defined by

a user, the program chains indicating a sequence of information items including the

audio information.

12.   (Canceled)

13.   (Currently Amended)   A method for editing audio information with

a still image using an information storage medium in which audio information and still

image information are recorded, and management information indicative of

a reproduction relationship between said audio information and said still image

information is recorded, wherein said medium comprises a first reproduction unit for

reproducing said audio information, first management information specifying still image

information to be reproduced simultaneously when first audio information is reproduced

in said first reproduction unit, and second management information specifying still

image information reproduced simultaneously when second audio information different

from said first audio information is reproduced in said first reproduction unit, said

method comprising:

combining said first audio information and said second audio information with each other to produce third audio information that newly forms said first reproduction unit;

recording third management information corresponding to said third audio information on said information storage medium; and

including, in still image information specified in said third management information, all or at least part of still image information specified in said first management information, and including therein all or at least part of still image information specified in said second management information, and

~~The method according to claim 12,~~ wherein[[,]]

in a case where said first audio information is reproduced earlier than said second audio information in said third audio information, a recording place for said third management information is utilized to be compatible with a recording place for said first management information;

in a case where a summation of the still image information specified in said first management information and the still image information specified in said second management information exceeds a predetermined value, a total number of the still image information specified in said third management information is reduced to the predetermined value so that a reduced number of the still image information remains, and information specifying the reduced number of remaining still image information is recorded at a portion corresponding to the first management information of said third management information; and

information specifying still image information other than the still image

information specified in said third management information is recorded at a portion

corresponding to the second management information of said third management

information.

14 - 16.   (Canceled)

17.   (Currently Amended)   A data structure used for an information

storage medium having a recording region for audio information and image information,

said data structure comprising:

a first reproduction unit for reproducing said audio information, and a second

reproduction unit having fineness equal to or less than the first reproduction unit, said

first reproduction unit being composed of one or more said second reproduction units;

and

management information concerning said second reproduction unit,

wherein a reproduction relationship between said audio information and said

image information is described in said management information,

said management information is configured to include one or more regions of

user defined program chains for storing program chain information defined by a user,

the program chains indicating a sequence of information items including the audio

information, and

said data structure is configured to include management directories of the audio

information and the image information.

18.   (Currently Amended)   A data structure used for an information

storage medium having a recording region for audio information and image information,

said data structure comprising:

a first reproduction unit for reproducing said audio information, and a second

reproduction unit having fineness equal to or less than the first reproduction unit, said

first reproduction unit being composed of one or more said second reproduction units;

and

management information concerning said second reproduction unit,

wherein a reproduction relationship between said audio information and said

image information is described in said management information,

said audio information includes a predetermined header and digital audio

information compressed according to a predetermined method,

said predetermined header is stored in an area not encrypted, and

said compressed digital audio information is stored in an encrypted area in a

predetermined encrypting unit,

said management information is configured to include one or more regions of

user defined program chains for storing program chain information defined by a user,

the program chains indicating a sequence of information items including the audio

information, and

said data structure is configured to include management directories of the audio

information and the image information.

19.   (Currently Amended)   A data structure used for an information

storage medium having a recording region for audio information and text information,

said data structure comprising:

a first reproduction unit for reproducing said audio information, and a second

reproduction unit having fineness equal to or less than the first reproduction unit, said

first reproduction unit being composed of one or more said second reproduction units;

and

management information concerning said second reproduction unit,

wherein a reproduction relationship between said audio information and said text

information is described in said management information,

said management information is configured to include one or more regions of

user defined program chains for storing program chain information defined by a user,

the program chains indicating a sequence of information items including the audio

information, and

said data structure is configured to include management directories of the audio

information and the text information.